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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF PASSED AIDE MEMOIRE WITH INFORMATION REF A
TO FERRARI, MFA ENERGY OFFICE, AND AMMASSARI, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY
DG FOR ENERGY SOURCES (REF B). POINTS REF A, PARAGRAPH 2 WERE
REVIEWED WITH BOTH AS WELL. GOI WELCOMED CLARIFICATION, BUT
IS ADOPTING WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE RE FURTHER MEASURES. GOI
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EXPECTS THAT ERDA PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS MISSION (REFS C,D) WILL

BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FERRARI (JUST RETURNED FROM EUROPEAN SPACE MEETING IN BEUSSELS) BASICALLY UNINFORMED ON SITUATION, WELCOMED US INFORMATION. NOTING (A) NO HARDSHIPS YET VERIFIED, (B) ONLY US INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES INVOLVED, (C) LIMITED DURATION OF REVIEW, (D) UP-COMING CONSULTATIONS WITH EC, (E) APPARENT CONCERN FOR PROBLEMS OF AFFECTED COUNTRIES AND (F) LACK OF IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FOR ITALY, FERRARI SAID THAT THE GOI WOULD FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY BUT WAS UNLIKELY TO TAKE INDEPENDENT INITIATIVES. FERRARI ASKED (A) IF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS (READ: ITALIAN NON-RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS) OR (B) COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS (NEW PRICES OR DELIVERY TIMES) WERE IMPORTANT. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, NEITHER FACTOR APPEARED TO BE IMPORTANT. SUPPLY FOR ITALIAN NUCLEAR PLANT AT TRINO VERCELLESE WAS DISCUSSED WITH HOPE THAT LICENSING PROBLEMS WOULD BE RESOLVED BY TIME RE-SUPPLY DUE.

3. AMASSARI WELCOMED CLARIFICATION PROVIDED IN AIDE MEMOIRE, AND ASKED TO BE KEPT FURTHER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

4. BOTH AMASSARO AND FERRARO (AND ALSO COSTA, FERRARI'S BOSS AND CHIEF OF MFA ENERGY OFFICE, IN SEPERATE CONVERSATION) NOTED ARRIVAL OF ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM (REFS C,D) WITH EXPECTATION THAT FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING; PARTICULARLY, DATE BY WHICH REVIEW COMPLETED AND CLARIFICATION OF ENTIRE SCOPE OF THE REVIEW.

5. COMMENT: MATERIAL SUCH AS THAT CONTAINED REF A AND SUBSEQUENT RELEASE ON SHIPMENT AUTHORIZATION MUCH APPRECIATED BY EMBASSY. WE FORESEE THAT ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY MISSION COULD BE OF ENORMOUS ASSISTANCE IN EMBASSY EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE GOI ANXITIES RE ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLIES, AND WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION WILLINGNESS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RAISED BY GOI; PARTICULARLY, THAT (A) REGULATION REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED SOON, (B) LICENSE FOR TRINO VERCELLESE SUPPLIES WILL RECEIVE PROMPT CONSIDERATION, (C) REVIEW IS LIMITED TO PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES AND (D) NEITHER POLITICAL NOR COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS ENTER. IN ANY CASE, GOI EXPECTATION IS SUCH THAT ERDA TEAM SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED TO FIELD QUESTIONS. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT DISCUSSIONS MAY INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM MFA AND MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AS WELL.BEAUDRY

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